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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action of April 5, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A golf practice and exercise system, comprising a flexible, hollow uninflated practice ball of at least the approximate size of a non-inflated soccer ball and generally spherical and made of pliable material having a low coefficient of elastic restitution such when struck the practice ball travels a short distance relative to the striking force applied to it, and a target assembly against which the practice ball is propelled after being struck from a striking position a sufficient distance from the target assembly that when the practice ball is struck by a golf club swung by a golfer it travels in a direction imposed by the golfer's swing, whereby the golfer can practice to control the travel of the practice ball and to develop golf swing strength.

Please cancel Claims 2 and 3.